

**County Based Funding Practices and Ranking Questions  
developed by Local Work Group (LWG) For FY2008**

1.	<b>County name</b>			<b>Hamilton</b>
	<b>The Beginning Farmer Payment Schedule Rate for this county is</b>			<b>90%</b>
2.	PRAC. CODE	CONSERVATION PRACTICE NAME	UNITS	<p>The Local work Group Recommended Using These Practices</p> <p><i>(A "yes" has been entered for those practices available in this funding pool to use in your county. Blank practices are not available with this ranking tool but may be available from other funding pools.)</i></p>
	560	Access Rd (Ft)	FT	YES
	575	Animal Trails and Walkways (Ft)	FT	YES
	100	CNMP	No	YES
	328	Conservation Crop Rotation (Ac)	Ac	YES
	340	Cover Crop (Ac)	Ac	YES
	342	Critical Area Planting (Ac)	Ac	YES
	382	Fence (Ft)	FT or Strand/ft	YES
	410	Grade Stabilization Structure (No)	CY or DIFT or Ton	YES
	561	Heavy Use Area Protection (Ac)	SF	YES
	449	Irrigation Water Management (Ac)	Ac	YES
	484	Mulching (Ac)	Ac or Sq Yd	YES
	590	Nutrient Management (Ac)	Ac	YES
	512	Pasture and Hay Planting (Ac)	Ac	YES
	595	Pest Management	Ac	YES
	516	Pipeline (Ft)	DIFT	YES
	378	Pond (No)	CY	YES
	521A	Pond Sealing and Lining, Flexible Membrane (No)	SF	YES
	521D	Pond Sealing or Lining, Compacted Clay Treatment (No)	CY	YES
	338	Prescribed Burning (Ac)	Ac	YES
	528	Prescribed Grazing (Ac)	Ac	YES
	533	Pumping Plant (No)	Each or HP	YES
	391	Riparian Forest Buffer (Ac)	Ac	
	558	Roof Runoff Structure (No)	LF	YES
	574	Spring Development (No)	Each	YES
	578	Stream Crossing (No)	SF	YES
	580	Streambank & Shoreline Protection (Ft)	CY or Ton	YES
	612	Tree/Shrub Establishment (Ac)	Ac	YES
	490	Tree/Shrub Site Preparation (Ac) formerly-Forest Site Preparation	Ac	YES
	472	Use Exclusion (Ac)	strand-ft	YES
	614	Water Facility (No)	Each	YES
	642	Water Well (Ft)	LF or NO	YES
	351	Well Decommissioning (No)	LF	YES

3.	<b>LOCAL ISSUES:</b> Your Local Work Group developed the following yes or no questions to be used in the County Base Ranking Tool. Points will only be awarded with a Yes Answer.			
	Question #	Question	Points	Responses
	1	Does the applicant have a current NRCS or other natural resource professional approved conservation plan for cropland,	100	Yes No
	2	has the applicant actively participated in other conservation efforts or leveraged funds from other partner sources such as	95	Yes No
	3	is this your first EQIP contract or are all existing contracts on schedule or completed?	90	Yes No
	4	Does this application contain practices that assist in providing an alternative watering source?	85	Yes No
	5	Does this application include cross-fencing for rotational grazing?	80	Yes No
	6	Does this application include prescribed grazing according to the guidelines specified?	75	Yes No
	7	Does the applicant lime and fertilize according to a soil test at least every 3 years?	70	Yes No
	8	Is the applicant free from having a history of non-compliance with an existing or previous NRCS contract or partner cost-sharing practice?	65	Yes No
	9	Does the applicant file a Schedule F with their Income Tax Return?	60	Yes No
	10	Blank	55	Yes No
	11	Blank	50	Yes No
	12	Blank	45	Yes No
	13	Blank	40	Yes No
	14	Blank	35	Yes No
	15	Blank	30	Yes No
	16	Blank	25	Yes No
	17	Blank	20	Yes No
	18	Blank	15	Yes No
	19	Blank	10	Yes No
	20	Blank	5	Yes No